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SUBJECT:R/V MELVILLE CLEARANCE REQUEST

1. R/V MELVILLE, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY SCRIPPS INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND FUNDED BY NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OFF THE COAST OF PERU. THE RESEARCH IS PART OF THE COASTAL UPWELLING ECOSYSTEMS ANALYSIS (CUEA) PROGRAM AND THE EXPEDITION OFF PERU IS TITLED "JOINT II" WHICH HAS BEEN UNDERWAY SINCE MARCH 1976. THE PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH IS TO UNDERSTAND UPWELLING ECOSYSTEMS WELL ENOUGH TO PREDICT VARIATIONS SO THAT ACTION MAY BE TAKEN TO OPTIMIZE THE FISHERIES.

2. PERUVIAN PARTICIPATION IS THROUGH THE PERUVIAN MARINE INSTITUTE (IMARPE), THE NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL AND HYDROLOGICAL SERVICE (SENAMHI), THE NAVAL HYDROGRAPHY AND NAVIGATION ADMINISTRATION (DHNM) AND THE PERUVIAN GEOPHYSICAL INSTITUTE (IGP). COORDINATION IN PERU IS UNCLASSIFIED

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PROVIDED BY DR. DAVID B. ENFIELD LOCATED AT IMARPE.

3. RESEARCH WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD 28 FEB - 20 MAY 1977 IN AN AREA BETWEEN CALLAO AND SAN JUAN. A STATION LOCATION CHART IS BEING POUCHED. INSTRUMENTS

TO BE UTILIZED INCLUDE CONDUCTIVITY/TEMPERATURE/DEPTH PROBES, CURRENT METERS, METEOROLOGICAL BUOYS, WATER SAMPLING BOTTLES FOR NUTRIENTS, TOWED PUMPING SYSTEM FOR NUTRIENTS, TOWED ACOUSTIC FISHERIES ASSESSMENT GEAR, PLANKTON NETS, AND A PDR ECHO-SOUNDING MACHINE.

4. CHIEF SCIENTISTS FOR THE VARIOUS LEGS ARE:

LEG 1-DRS. HELPERN AND SMITH, LEG 2-DRS. HUYER AND SMITH, LEG 3-DRS. KELLEY AND WALSH, LEG 4-DRS. CODISPOTI AND PACKARD. THE CAPTAIN OF THE VESSEL IS ALAN PHINNEY AND THERE IS A CREW OF 20 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 30. MELVILLE IS 1806 GROSS TONS, 245 FT LONG, WITH A DRAFT OF 16 FT. RADIO CALL SIGN IS WECB AND SHIP MONITORS EMERGENCY FREQUENCIES CONTINUOUSLY.

5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHARING DATA RESULTS AND PERUVIAN PARTICIPATION HAVE ALREADY BEEN WORKED OUT. DR. ENFIELD SHOULD BE CONTACTED IF FURTHER DETAILS ARE NECESSARY.

6. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR R/V MELVILLE TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS AND ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF PERU DURING THE PERIOD 28 FEB 1977 - 20 MAY 1977.

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